

showed unwavering courage and commitment to his patients. Dr. Tiller deserves to be acknowledged for the service that he provided to his community. His senseless murder must be strongly condemned. A truly democratic society includes a thriving atmosphere of political debate and dialogue, regardless of the intensity of the debate. The use of violence and murder as a means to express dissent is not only undemocratic, but simply unacceptable.

I strongly support this important bill and urge my colleagues to vote in favor of H. Res. 505.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I would like to state for the record my position on the following vote I missed due to being delayed at a committee hearing.

On Thursday, June 11, 2009, I missed roll-call vote No. 332. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 332.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF LADISLAW "TANNY" BACA

#### HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask Congress to pay special tribute to the life of a loving husband and grandfather, my brother, Ladislao "Tanny" Baca, of Barstow, CA. Tanny passed away June 6, 2009, at the age of 69 after complications with a brave life-long battle with diabetes.

Born in Las Nuestras, New Mexico January 8, 1940, Tanny made an impressionable impact on all he came in contact with. Tanny was widely admired by family, friends and colleagues. He was hard-working, dedicated, committed, disciplined, loving, supporting. Even though his bark was worse than his bite, he was a kind and loving brother, husband, father and grandfather.

For 16 years he worked as a Switch Man and Local Engineer for the Santa Fe Railroad in Barstow, CA. He worked and retired after 19 years as a Local Engineer at the Marine Base in Yermo, CA. Tanny also honorably served 16 years with the National Guard.

He is remembered by most as a generous man who always had time to share with others. His giving spirit will be missed by his community. He loved his brothers and sisters especially Florenio, Morris, Raymond, Lupe and Theresa. He enjoyed spending time loving us all. He was everything you would want in a brother, son, husband, and grandfather. Tanny enjoyed spending time in his garage. He and his brothers, Florenio and Morris would love to hang out and just enjoy their time there. Tanny also spent time in his garage helping teenagers, seniors and others with limited resources work on their cars. He was less worried about being paid and always happy to help those in need. He was that kind of man. Even though he was Lupe Napier's lit-

tle brother, he would help take care of her. He was always willing to give her a hand with her car, and moving whatever she needed, he was always there to help her.

On behalf of my brother I would like to share a message from him to his children, Toby, Nick, and Liz. "Even though we were separated, in my heart I never stopped loving and caring for you." To all his children, he loved you all very much.

I would also like to share a few memories from his wife and several of his children.

The thing I remember most is when we went to Las Vegas to get married and the judge said, "Do you take this man Ladislao Baca as your husband?" and I said, "What?" because I only knew him as Tanny. Later we all laughed about it because we thought it was funny and the judge thought that she wants to marry this man and she does not even know his name. Edwina Baca, Wife.

Dad no matter what, you were always there for us, through good and bad times, we always will respect and love you, and you will be in our hearts forever. Liz Pullen, Toby and Nick Connolly, Daughter and Sons.

My dad was a caring and loving man. He never let anyone be without what they needed and his garage was always open for anyone. He and his friends would sit out there for hours talking. He will surely be missed. Angel Baca, Daughter.

Dad, you are the best and you will always be in my heart. You were always there for me. You touched many lives. I will always remember when you were by my side when I really needed you. Eloisa Madero, Daughter.

Memories I have of my dad growing up are going to work with him everyday as a child and riding the trains with him. Another good memory was all the bar-be-que we had and how he always had enough food to feed all the family and the whole neighborhood and still had plenty of leftovers. Lisa Baca, Daughter.

The things I remember most about my dad is when he took me hunting and he lost me and he did not want me to tell my mom because then I would never be able to go with Dad again. I also remember the time I dug a hole on the side of the house and filled it with water and was playing in the mud. Oh man, did I ever get in trouble. Tim Baca, Son.

I remember most about my dad is when my mom went out of town and dad tried to cook us spaghetti and he just threw everything in a pot all together and said it was just like our mom's and it tasted nothing like how mom made it. Penny Gray, Daughter.

He will be remembered by his grandchildren as someone who was always able to bring a smile to their face and share a lot of love and time with them.

He was an active outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting various game; including deer, antelope, and bear. When he wasn't enjoying the great outdoors he could be found enjoying Spanish music and dining at his favorite restaurant, "Del Taco".

He also loved to get his family together through his cooking. Barbequing was his way of having family reunions to enjoy barbequed cow and pig. He enjoyed bringing us together; he was always about family.

Tanny was a devoted Catholic and attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Barstow with his wife Edwina.

From Las Nuestras, New Mexico to Barstow, California, Tanny's life was dedicated to family, friends, and his community. His memory lives on in our thoughts and prayers. We say "goodbye. God bless you, we love you, and we will miss you".

Tanny is survived by his wife, Edwina Baca; his children, Angel Baca, Eloisa Madero, Penny Gray, Tim Baca, Lisa Baca, Nick Connolly, Toby Connolly, and Liz Pullen; brothers and sisters, Florenio Baca, Lupe Napier, Morris Baca, Raymond Baca, Joe Baca and Theresa Perea; his grandchildren and by a large extended family who share in the loss.

The thoughts and prayers of my wife Barbara and children, Councilman Joe Baca, Jr., Jeremy, Natalie and Jennifer and I are with the family at this time.

#### CONDEMNING SHOOTING AT U.S. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

SPEECH OF

#### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 11, 2009*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today in support of House Resolution 529, condemning the violent attack on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on June 10, 2009 and honoring the bravery and dedication of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum employees and security personnel. I also rise to pay tribute to officer Stephen Johns.

A Maryland resident, Officer Johns was a devoted husband and father. He was a man who lived his life protecting other people, and worked every day to ensure the safety and security of the patrons of the National Holocaust Museum, a place devoted to the pursuit of peace and the end of intolerance. It was a responsibility Officer Johns took very seriously, and one he gave his life to uphold.

Moments like these are the most painful of reminders that when hate results in violence, it robs us of our family members, neighbors, and friends. It claims the best and bravest among us. Yesterday, in a place dedicated to ending such bigotry, a well-liked and thoughtful man was stolen from us.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Stephen Johns and in renewing our vow to be united in our effort to extinguish the flames of bigotry and intolerance in this country and around the world once and for all.

#### CELEBRATING THE 234TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ARMY

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 12, 2009*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an upcoming anniversary that is significant to our national security and history. This Sunday, June 14th, members of the Active Duty Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard will celebrate the United States Army's 234th birthday.

The celebrations began this morning with the annual Department of the Army cake-cutting ceremony at the Pentagon. There is also an Army Birthday Ball and events for children, such as book readings. Celebrations like this will take place at garrisons and communities around the world.

One of these communities is Virginia's Fort Belvoir, where the Army is building a National